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City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer Jr., left, and city Auditor Hugh J. Dorrian, enjoy their retirement party at City Hall earlier this month. Pfeiffer, who has held his post for 15 years, and Dorrian, who began his nearly a half-century ago, are among the most respected politicians in Columbus. [ADAM CAIRNS/DISPATCH]

Titans step aside

City's longtime auditor, attorney leave their marks

By Rick Rouan
The Columbus Dispatch

On the day that Columbus City Hall celebrates their careers, city Auditor Hugh J. Dorrian and city Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer Jr. work the room in their own ways.

Dorrian moves methodically among his staff and politicians past and present, imparting a two-handed grip or kiss on the cheek as they congratulate him for a half-century as auditor.

Pfeiffer practically bounces off the conference-room walls to pepper guests with questions, just as he has always done with a new law clerk or a face he encountered on his regular "moseys" around Columbus during 15 years as city attorney.

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On the web

To see a video of retiring Auditor Hugh J. Dorrian, go to **Dispatch.com/videos.**

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ONGOING COVERAGE

Siblings to unite, thanks to donors

By Terry Mikesell and Ken Gordon
The Columbus Dispatch

Clarice Kinard will receive her precious Christmas gift after all.

As told in a story Monday in the Life & Arts section of The Dispatch, the 76-year-old adoptee wants—a chance to meet the two half sisters she discovered in October. Limited finances, however, have kept her from traveling to Alabama and Florida to see them.

Since the story appeared, about 15 readers have contacted The Dispatch with offers of cash donations; one couple offered almost $900 worth of airline tickets that they—can no longer use. The tickets were nontransferable, but Southwest Airlines, after being notified by The

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TAX OVERHAUL

Charities face drop in giving in 2018

By Marcy Gordon
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In this season of giving, charity seems to be getting an extra jolt because next year the popular tax deduction for donations will lose a lot of its punch.

Traditionally generous Americans may have less incentive to give to charitable causes next year because of the newly minted tax law. The changes that will make it less advantageous for many people to donate to charity in

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PROPERTY TAXES

Paying early likely to get OK of IRS

By Mary Beth Lane
The Columbus Dispatch

Despite questions raised by an Internal Revenue Service advisory issued Wednesday, county officials and tax professionals in central Ohio say people may prepay in 2017 their property taxes due in 2018 even if they haven't received the tax bill.

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